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THE WEATHER

Western Oregon, Western Washington—Rain and colder.
Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington, Idaho—Rain or snow; colder.

ROOSEVELT—ROTTENNESS.

The superb courage of the President in sending his message to Congress despite the protests of his entire cabinet shows the calibre of the man and the quality of his inspiration as a cleanser of the rottenness of the commercial and financial conditions of the United States. So true is he to the doctrine of decency, honesty and justice in business, that he was willing to assume the whole onus that must fall in the wake of such temerity; nor is he missing any of it. He is cordially hated by the interests and their following and will be, forever. But the ordinary citizen has placed him in the right orbit of popular estimate and he has millions of friends that are saying but little, whose thoughts are alive and well directed, and who, at a critical moment in the tumultuous program to be inaugurated by the trusts in the course of the political year of 1908, will be found at his shoulder with silent and invincible strength, against which the devices and tricks of the combined wealth of the nation cannot prevail.

The country is not through with Theodore Roosevelt yet; nor will it be when he shall close the doors of the White House and retire to "private" life; there will be no private life for this man; he will die in harness and fighting for the safety and cleanliness of the nation and its freedom from the thrall of dominant and thievish wealth. There are many places where he will fit in, admirably, in this mighty quest, and the people will see to it that he is properly assigned. The dishonest man, parading his simulated virtue under the cloak of vicious laws and their doubly vicious interpretation, knows that Roosevelt is after him and will never relinquish the chase. The people know it; and know the men that are marked in every community. The fight is not nearly over and its champion still lives and has the electorate with him.

A SIGNIFICANT TRUCE.

If, as is reported, a truce has been wrought between the Hill and Harriman interests at Portland, and the Union Pacific is to run its Seattle-bound traffic out of there via the great bridges of the North Bank line to Vancouver, the Oregon metropolis may look to see its terminal business on both systems vanish. It is a grave situation for Portland and she can thank herself largely for the loss of the Harriman end of it; the Hill business she has never had, of course, nor has it ever been apparent that she was to get it. But with the Union Pacific in Seattle, and Hill in undisputed possession of both banks of the lower Columbia and of its mouth, the problem deepens for Portland, until only Astoria and her great bay, the present Oregon terminus of the Hill lines, are within the perspective of logic and expediency.

ARE WE RUSSIANIZED?

What is coming over the peace and freedom and normal quiescence of this Republic? Are we to be Russianized and enter into a bureaucratic war with the anarchist? What of the immigration laws of America and their purpose in barring this menace?

SCANDINAVIAN-AMERICAN SAVINGS BANK
HAS
MONEY TO LOAN ON GOOD SECURITY

It is no long step from the church to the college; we may expect to hear of the sacrifice of our professors who are engaged in teaching the precepts antagonistic to the mad and fiendish cult of this foreign maniac; and the bar and bench of the country are in line of attack; also, in fact, when the men of peace, priest, and preacher, exemplars of all that is gentle and good in life, are murdered at their tasks it is time the country was waking to the peril, overhauling its secret service and compelling the uncompromising execution of its immigration edicts. Other countries trace these mad criminals and keep count of them; can put their hands on them at any time, and do it rigorously when they crawl within reach; but we supinely admit them and give them all the leeway they want in the prosecution of their murderous ends, and, even after the perpetration of some hideous crime known to have its origin in their midst, we fail shamelessly in the grave duty of extinction and repression. It is difficult to say who is the most cowardly, the anarchist or the government that fails to mark and hold him.

THE SILENT GUN.

The new and noiseless firearm just invented by the younger Maxim calls for instant and thoughtful consideration by the government. It is susceptible of wide range of critical and cautious treatment and should be taken over by the nation as one of its especial safeguards and the right of its free usage denied to every man except him in whose hand it shall be placed for the protection of the people.

EDITORIAL SALAD

Charles Wyman Morse is quoted as saying, when his lawyers told him on his arrival from Europe of the various charges against him, "Well, if that is all they've got against me, I'm not worried." Perhaps the investigators may take this as an inadvertent hint that they have not yet got to the bottom of things.

WOOD

The Tongue Point Lumber Company are, now delivering 16-inch stove length wood promptly. Call Main 2771.

A PETTICOAT BANK.

Several of the principals and chorus of Charles Frohman's "Miss Hook of Holland" company have suffered by the recent suspension of New York banks. To prevent recurrence, they have organized a banking system of their own. Little Florence Nash, "the girl with the hair-lip," is the president, board of directors, cashier and paying and receiving teller of the institution. The scheme, originated by Miss Nash, is simplicity itself and of Gibraltar-like solidity. Every pay day each member of the big company leaves with Miss Nash a portion of his or her salary, Miss Nash giving each one a receipt. Laden down with her deposits Miss Nash dashes home in an automobile and places the money in three small receptacles of iron—such as many a father of a growing family has found handy when in need of care fare. The "Miss Hook of Holland" company are enthusiastic over the plan and under the motherly spur of Miss Nash are becoming great hoarders. Eminent financiers have endorsed the reliability of the new Nash'n'l banks, freely acknowledging their superiority in this regard to many older and more imposing institutions. Miss Nash's commercial integrity is above suspicion.

COFFEE

Good coffee is partly in buying and partly in making; like everything else.

ICELESS ICE BOX.

An illustration in the March Popular Mechanics shows to what perfection and simplicity a small electrical cold storage system has been

brought. The outfit consists of an electric motor belted to a pump, which keeps a cooling solution moving through a set of pipes which are placed in the refrigerator. These pipes are similar to the steam or hot water radiators in the living rooms, only they cool instead of heat the apartment. The machine is entirely automatic, and constantly maintains whatever degree of cold is selected. The moment the thermometer rises above that point the machine starts up of itself and works until the apartment is sufficiently cooled; then it stops of itself. The whole affair is so simple as to require practically no attention, except an occasional oiling which is no more difficult than to oil a sewing machine. At trifling expense one can also fix up a basement room as a cold storage for large supplies such as barrels of apples, jars of butter, sacks of potatoes, etc., which are now impossible to keep in the average residence. In many families the saving effected by purchasing supplies in quantities instead of from day to day would be enough to pay the entire cost of operating the cold storage system; if not, the amount formerly spent for ice certainly would.

HUGE MINE PUMPS.

The difficult problem of designing a mine pumping plant of the small dimension required, because of limited space, and yet capable of making an impression upon the immense inrush of water, has been solved in an English mine by the use of electricity and high velocity pumps. The two shafts in which the pumps are being used are only 8 ft. by 6 ft. in dimension.

The March number of Popular Mechanics contains a view of one of these pumps. It is driven by direct-connected motors, capable of delivering 4,000 gal. of water per minute to a height of 395 ft. On reaching a depth of 278 ft. two of these pumping sets are joined in a series. Together they can deliver the full quantity of 4,000 gal. per minute as high as 780 ft. The pumps rest upon carriages of structural iron which run on rails having a gauge of 6 ft. 6 in.

The weight of the pump, complete with motor, suction and delivery pipe, suspension cable, electric cable and its own column of water is about 75 tons.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE ASTORIA NATIONAL BANK
At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, February 14, 1908:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$380,786.76
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	2,814.58
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	47,500.00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits.....	20,000.00
Other Bonds to secure U. S. deposits.....	34,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds, Bonds, securities, etc.....	3,045.00
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures.....	65,921.48
Other real estate owned.....	4,000.00
Due from State Banks and Bankers.....	8,233.41
Due from approved reserve agents.....	9,921.71
Checks and other cash items.....	140,769.51
Notes of other National Banks.....	450.14
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents.....	3,600.00
Lawful money reserve in Bank, viz:	964.86
Specie.....	\$122,840.15
Legal-tender notes.....	\$8,150.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent circulation).....	130,990.15
	2,375.00
Total.....	\$855,372.60
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund.....	50,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	16,244.41
National Bank notes outstanding.....	46,900.00
Individual deposits subject to check.....	\$278,548.34
Demand certificates of deposit.....	\$ 52,716.18
Time certificates of deposit.....	\$310,873.67
Certified checks.....	90.00
U. S. deposits.....	\$50,000.00
	692,228.19
Total.....	\$855,372.60

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss:
I, J. E. HIGGINS, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
J. E. HIGGINS, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of February, 1908.
E. Z. FERGUSON, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:
GEO. H. GEORGE,
L. MANSUR,
A. SCHERNECKAU, Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank
At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, February 14, 1908:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$403,597.61
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	1,898.91
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	47,000.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds.....	1,400.00
Bonds, securities, etc.....	56,930.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents).....	51,204.04
Due from State Banks and Bankers.....	46,085.15
Due from approved reserve agents.....	200,595.03
Checks and other cash items.....	487.62
Notes of other National Banks.....	13,955.00
Nickels and cents.....	322.51
Lawful money reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie.....	\$194,000.00
Legal-tender notes.....	120
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent circulation).....	194,120.00
	2,350.00
Total.....	\$1,019,945.87
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund.....	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	24,408.91
National Bank notes outstanding.....	47,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check.....	\$646,648.86
Demand certificates of deposit.....	\$176,513.10
Certified checks.....	375.00
	823,536.96
Total.....	\$1,019,945.87

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss:
I, S. S. GORDON, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
S. S. GORDON, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of February, 1908.
E. P. NOONAN, Notary-Public.
Correct—Attest:
W. F. MCGREGOR,
J. WESLEY LADD,
G. C. FLAVEL, Directors.

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